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Superintendent NAME  
District  
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Dear Superintendent,

We want to thank you for your responses to our last letter concerning lead in the drinking water in schools. The majority of respondents were seeking additional information and tools to enable districts to be proactive in sampling their schools to determine if problems currently exist. The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) has worked with the Utah Division of Drinking Water (UDDW) to develop the included guidance information.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a document titled "3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools" which we recommend to any district looking to conduct self-monitoring (i.e. voluntary sampling). This document, though, is over 100 pages long. The included guidance information includes a link to the 3Ts document via QR code, and condenses it into four pages which we hope will be helpful.

Sampling for lead/copper is not currently required of schools which are served by a public water system, and we have no information as to whether such sampling will be required in the future. There is no safe level of lead in drinking water, and as such the EPA and UDOH encourage you to conduct voluntary sampling at your schools.

If using the Utah Public Health Laboratory and need sample bottles and forms, please call 801-965-2400 and ask for Environmental Sample Receiving. Included in this letter are codes assigned to each school in your district for use when filling out sample forms. This will help UDDW keep track of

these voluntary samples as being separate from required sampling.

We appreciate your help in ensuring that the drinking water in your schools is safe for your students. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding sampling procedures, action levels, or interpreting analytical results, please contact the Utah Division of Drinking Water at 801-536-4200 (email: [ddwreports@utah.gov](mailto:ddwreports@utah.gov)).

For digital copies of this information, or for all other concerns, please contact me at 801-538-6191 (email: [chrisnelson@utah.gov](mailto:chrisnelson@utah.gov)).

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson  
Program Manager

Enclosures: 3Ts Guidance, Sampling Codes